

Environmental Advisory Committee

Minutes April 1, 2014

The Matthews Environmental Committee met in regular session on April 1, 2014 at the Public Works Facility. Members present were Chairman Gordon Miller, Scott Baranowski, Ollie Frazier, John Lynch, David Ross and Bob Stratton. Also present was David Holt from Republic Services, along with Rosalind Cumming and Ralph Messera from Public Works.

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The March minutes were reviewed and approved.

Mr. Holt gave the Republic Services report. He stated that he had discussed cart placement with the drivers again after a few problems were reported with carts being placed in the middle of driveways and in the street. He also reported that everything else on the Republic side was looking good. There was some discussion about Earth Day coming up on the 5th of April and how there would be a litter pick up early in the day and also a collection for discarded electronic items for the public.

The recycling survey was then discussed. The County periodically puts out a recycling survey, the last time being in 2009. Mr. Stratton commented that there was nothing significant standing out in this survey. Mr. Messera stated that the originator of the survey, Nick Crawford, hopes to attend the next Environmental meeting to talk with us in May.

On Storm Water issues, Mr. Messera mentioned that there had been quite a lot of sink hole issues because of all the rain water, but that there were no major issues to discuss at this time.

Regarding Air Quality, Mr. Ross reported that he would check permit holders in Matthews and make sure they are in compliance. Mr. Messera reported on the question asked at the last meeting pertaining to non-compliance at Costco since they had removed Stage II vapor recovery from their gasoline pumps. He showed documentation from a Planning Board meeting that the EPA no longer required the system, and an administrative amendment to remove verbiage pertaining to Costco had been passed on March 26, 2013.

On other air issues, there was a discussion about the ozone signs needing replacement. A reminder was made to Mr. Messera to include money for this in the budget for the coming year.

Regarding Physical Agents, Chief Rob Hunter attended and discussed the Noise Ordinance with the committee. There were several modifications suggested by the committee. A motion was made to recommend the noise ordinance as modified, by Mr. Frazier and seconded by Mr. Stratton.

On other business, there was discussion that there continues to be a problem with deer in the Matthews area. The Town of Matthews has sent out an email asking residents not to feed the deer.

Being that there was no other business, a motion was then made to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded, and passed at 8:25pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 6th, 2014.

Rosalind Cumming
Secretary